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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities prior to 1 May 1955:

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A. General:

The transfer of Soviet troops to summer camps continued. Engineer units of four armies were concentrated in the Bittkau area. New shipments of T-54 tanks arrived in East Germany. The KVP's personnel replacement program was still in progress.

B. Soviet Dispositions and Movements:

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1. First Guards Mechanized Army:

The 8th Guards Mechanized Division was transferred to Koenigsbrueck after 2 May.

2. Second Guards Mechanized Army:

On 7 May, all divisions were still at their posts.

3. Third Guards Mechanized Army:

Between 1 and 8 May, the Zeitz post was only half occupied; exercises were being held in Zeitz forest. The 21st Guards Mechanized Division was transferred to the Lossa training grounds in approximately 12 shipments during the period of 19 to 27 April. The 174th Guards Rifle Regiment of the 57th Guards Rifle Division was entrained in Weissenfels on 30 April.

4. Troops of the GSFG:

The signal troops were still stationed in Stahnsdorf on 9 May.

5. IV Artillery Corps:

On 3 May, one train, presumably carrying the 821st Artillery Reconnaissance Battalion, was sent from Rathenow to Altengrabow.

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6. Engineer Troops:

Engineer units of the Third Shock Army and of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Guards Mechanized Armies were concentrated in the Bittkau area between 29 April and 4 May. The troops had come by road and in 11 railroad shipments.

C. Tank Shipments:

The following shipments [redacted] with cargoes exceeding standard measurements passed through Frankfurt/Oder enroute to Forst Zinna: 16 RRym cars in 9 May, 20 RRym cars on 12 May and 16 RRym, including five to Meinsdorf, on 12 May. The shipments probably carried 52 T-54 tanks for the 7th Guards Tank Division. 25X1

D. KVP:

Five hundred men were sent from Potsdam to units in the process of activation. The new KVP installation in Potsdam was only lightly occupied. Approximately 500 recruits arrived in Oranienburg in replacement for about 650 discharges. Approximately 3500 men of Division Eggesin and thirty percent of the personnel stationed in Spremberg had been discharged by 25 April. Recruits continued to arrive at the posts of Corps North and South in early May. Training activity continued at the posts. The KVP training grounds in Weisswasser were vacant prior to 2 May.

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